

Attend the peen pruning and budding school May 21st.

There will be a cemetery working at Sweetwater cemetery on Friday, April 19th, and all interested are requested to be present. Dinner on the ground.

W. J. Stokes, special representative Business Men's Assurance Company, is in Fort Worth, attending a sales conference conducted by the officials of the company.

A good crowd was attracted to Decatur Tuesday afternoon to witness the free street parade of the Honest Bill and Moon Bros. shows. At night the tent was packed with people to witness the performances.

In the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jordon to Mexia, Decatur loses two of its best citizens, and their many friends in this town regret to see them leave. Mr. Jordon, who has been a trusted and valuable employee of the Bowley Mills Co. here, goes to Mexia to take charge and manage a plant, which the Bowley concern recently established in that city. Frank is an honorable, up-right fellow, thoroughly business, and the Limestone county capital gains substantially in having such people as Frank and his estimable wife come as citizens.

"Your town seems to be filled with gossip of a sensational character, according to statement after statement of one of my neighbors," remarked a new-comer to Decatur. "I have heard more unsavory talk about people since I have been here, a very short time, than I had heard in all my life before. My informant appears to be the clearing house of all the bad news in the community, and should one judge the town's people by what this neighbor says, poor, indeed would be that judgment." When told by a number of citizens that the informant was given to peddling, frequently manufacturing tales, born of envy and down-right meanness, the new-comer was heard to remark, "Such characters are more dangerous than ravaging diseases."

"Suppose every town has 'em; suppose every organization is cursed with 'em," remarked a prominent Decatur citizen, in referring to the fellow who joins up with orders and societies, and expects to "dead-head" his way thru, refusing to pay dues, but on the dot when any functions are staged. Continuing, the citizen said: "We have them in Decatur, and it beats me why a man will do this. He is ever ready to join and benefit by the joining of a good order, but positively refuses to meet the charges in dues, believing that other members should carry him. Am thinking of one who has been practicing this stunt for many years, and, of course, he is considered just what he is, a dead-weight, close-akin to the dead-beat."

J. T. Phillips, long-time member of Messenger's reader family, living on route six out of Decatur, is a strong believer in his favorite paper's power as an advertising medium. In fact, Mr. Phillips, like hundreds of others who have patronized the columns of the Messenger, believe the "pioneer paper" is the only medium that can deliver the goods and bring about the results desired. In town one day this week, Mr. Phillips dropped in at the Messenger office and stated: "It ain't a little classified ad in the Messenger last week, and I got replies from people in all parts of the county; from Sunset to Paradise came dozens of answers to that little ad." Messenger appreciates just such boosters as this good friend gives out. It is Messenger's mission to serve its readers, and its bona fide subscribers' list makes it superior in its field.

A. B. Cates and J. V. Patterson, both prominent attorneys of Decatur, are here in cases against the West Texas Coaches damage suits, and in behalf of the young men who were killed in an auto wreck near Moran several months ago. That name Decatur sounds good to us; have lots of old friends over there. We served in the Spanish American war with the Decatur company, Company H, Third Texas Volunteer Infantry. That is Dick Collins' town, publisher and editor of the Decatur Messenger. Dick was a corporal in our company, some soldier he was, but darn his time, he stole our frying chicken, which we had stolen too, had it nice and fat and fine, just about ready to slaughter, and then one day Dick Collins and Horace Rucker swiped it—Never have forgotten. You know if there is any one thing on earth that a private soldier is possessed of it's an empty stomach. Eat hell off the hinges three times a day, drink Jordon dry—Canteen eh? Hello company H boys, been a long time since we have seen you. We'd like to mess with you one time. But we ain't never got in a good humor with Collins and Rucker about that frying chicken.—Albany News.

GARAGE MAN KILLS RELATIVE

Easley Shoots Sister's Husband in Chico Sunday Afternoon

Clay Easley, 23 years of age, married, and for some time employed in a Chico garage as mechanic, was released on a \$2,500 bond in Justice H. E. Brady's court Monday afternoon, on the charge of killing Elwood Johnson, about 32 years old, in that town Sunday afternoon. Easley emptied a 32-caliber pistol, firing five shots into the head of Johnson, after Johnson had attacked him with a wrench. Johnson fell mortally wounded near the car on which Easley was working when he fired the shots. Following the shooting, Easley left the garage and went to his home, where he was later arrested by Sheriff George Gage of Decatur and Constable Buck Riley of Bridgeport, who had been summoned to the scene. When the officers approached the Easley home the young man met them and surrendered, handing over the pistol which he had killed Johnson with.

According to a statement coming to the Messenger, Easley and Johnson, who were related by marriage, had had some trouble of a domestic nature, and Sunday afternoon Johnson went to the garage where Easley was at work, and attacked him with a wrench. Easley, at the time of the attack, was working on a car, and was under it when Johnson hit him on the left leg with the wrench. Witnesses stated that while Johnson was abusing and striking at Easley, the young man drew a 32 pistol from his shirt and fired point-blank at Johnson. Five bullets entered Johnson's head, and he died instantly.

Easley was brought to the Decatur jail by Sheriff Gage, and Monday afternoon in Squire Brady's court he received examining trial and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$2,500, which was given immediately, with twelve of the most prominent and substantial men in the Chico country as sureties. Easley, accompanied by a number of friends, left immediately for his home in Chico. He was limping badly, the result of a severe cut on his left leg, inflicted by Johnson when he attacked him with the wrench.

Mrs. Johnson is Easley's half-sister, and it is said that she recently instituted divorce proceedings in the court here.

RENSHAW PUTS UP ROAD SIGNS

Confidence in his ability to handle the job, no doubt, actuated the division headquarters of the state highway commission, Fort Worth, to appoint Holley Renshaw, Wise county foreman of highways, to the task of superintendence of erection of road markers on the state and federal highways of six or seven counties of the thirteen counties of the Fort Worth division.

The work of putting up the new and handsome road markers was begun by Mr. Renshaw's crew on the Montague county line last week, and is to eventuate in Wise becoming one of the first counties in this part of the state to be so designated. The traveling public will appreciate the new guiding signs and the number of accidents and fatalities will probably be diminished.

Renshaw and one other superintendent will supervise the erection of 6000 road signs on about 1100 miles of designated highways. The counties of the district are: Kaufman, Dallas, Collin, Somerville, Tarrant, Rockwall, Denton, Wise, Cooke, Palo Pinto, Parker, Ellis, Johnson and Hood.

Bethel M. E. Church.

Preaching at the Bethel M. E. church Sunday. Bring the whole family and come. The young people are just what their fathers and mothers have made them. Subject: "The Power That Transforms the Soul."

OUTLER D. GOSE, Pastor.

Shiloh M. E. Church

Preaching at 3 p. m. and 7:45 p. m. Loyalty to school and business affairs is great, but loyalty to Christ and His church is greater. Bring all the folks.

OUTLER D. GOSE, Pastor.

TO BUILD ROAD AZLE VIA BOYD

Chicago Killers Send Spies To Prepare Big Jail Delivery Here

Surveys have been started on a new road from Azle to Bridgeport by way of Boyd, County Engineer Davis of Tarrant county announced Wednesday morning.

Agreement to build the road was reached last week at a conference between Tarrant county and Wise county officials. Davis and County Commissioner Boaz represented this county and Wise county was represented by County engineer Hunn and Commissioner Birdwell.

The new road will be graveled. It will be 30 feet wide and have a right-of-way of 100 feet, according to Davis. It will tie in at Azle with the new Fort Worth-Northwest highway. From Azle the new graveled road will run north parallel to the Tarrant-Parker county line for about seven miles, where it will strike the Wise county line. It will then go through Boyd and on to Bridgeport. The total length will be about 27 miles.

The new highway will have two important functions, Davis explained. It will provide an outlet for the settlements expected to grow up about the two new lakes near Bridgeport, which will be constructed by the Tarrant county water improvement district. These two bodies of water, Eagle Mountain-Dido Lake and Bridgeport Lake, will cause a considerable number of persons to locate near, it is expected, and the new road will provide a direct route from Fort Worth to the lakes.

The highway also will be a direct way to Fort Worth for persons living in and near Bridgeport, who now have to go by way of Decatur, or take some other circuitous means to get to this city.

The surveys have been started in both counties. Since the road will be strictly a county proposition, plans will not have to go to the state highway department or to the federal bureau of roads for inspection, and speedier construction is assured, Davis pointed out. Surveys are expected to be finished in two weeks, after which plans will be drawn up and right-of-way secured.

Construction will then start.

GOOD CITIZEN ANSWERS CALL

Miss Rose Montgomery, 66 years of age, and a citizen of Decatur for many years died at her home here on Lang street Monday. She had been in failing health for several months. Funeral services and burial were held at Oaklawn cemetery Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the presence of a large number of sorrowing friends and relatives. Miss Montgomery had many friends in Decatur, where she had resided so long, and her splendid influence will be missed by those with whom she was associated during her long useful life, and in her going Decatur and community lose one of their best citizens. Messenger joins in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

SENIORS GIVEN ANNUAL FEAST

At eight o'clock Monday evening the juniors of Decatur high school entertained the senior class with a banquet at the school building.

The hall was beautifully decorated with purple and gold, the school colors. Purple lilacs were used in the center of the table; gold place cards and favors harmonized with the grape cocktail.

Supt. L. B. Gih acted as master of ceremonies. Wilbur Spain, president of the junior class, gave the opening address, "The Junior to the Senior." Miss Joy Bell, president of the senior class, answered the address. Mr. McDowell spoke on "The Changing World," and Mrs. Cartwright on "The Young Mind of Today."

Interesting talks were made also by Rev. Bell, Rev. Mays and Mrs. Ross and by members of the faculty and of the senior class.

Forty-seven seniors, ten teachers and the guests of honor, Rev. R. E. Bell and Rev. E. H. Mays, were present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Golaz and son of Paradise, were guests Saturday of Mrs. Homer Rhine and family.

GANGSTER DEN REVEAL ARSENAL

Chicago Killers Send Spies To Prepare Big Jail Delivery Here

Evidence that the notorious murder gang of Chicago is extending its operations to the south, and intend to combat law and order in this section of the country, was brought to light Saturday afternoon in Fort Worth, when police of that city raided a soft-drink joint on one of the principal streets and found a well-equipped arsenal of the gangsters. Three machine guns, of the type used by the Chicago gunmen were discovered, cached in the joint, and arrests of six suspicious characters revealed a well laid plan to create hell and high water with "the law" in these parts. Two men, who were seen loitering near the jail in Decatur, and mention of the mysterious action of one of them was made in last week's Messenger, were taken in the raid in Fort Worth, and confessed to being members of the Chicago bad-land gang and hired to come to Texas and liberate the men who were recently captured by Sheriff Gage and posse, following the burglaries at Boyd. Eight men from the Chicago districts had been sent to Texas, and they had been joined in Fort Worth by a number of that city's most notorious law-breakers, so the report states.

One day last week, a stranger was seen loitering in the vicinity of the Wise county jail, and while seated on the public watering trough, southwest of the jail, he was seen to draw something on a piece of paper; later in the day he sauntered around the square, and it was believed he intended stealing an automobile. Officers were watching him, and evidently becoming aware of the fact that he was being shadowed, the stranger left town. He appeared again on the square, accompanied by another stranger. The two were trailed about town by Sheriff Gage and Deputy Cartwright until they entered a rooming house and went to bed. Early the next morning the strangers left, going in the direction of Fort Worth. Police of that city were communicated with by Wise county officers, and Saturday the raid on the soft drink stand there was made. The men who had been seen in Decatur were seen to enter the place, and when arrested, with six others, they made confessions, implicating a number of the worst crooks in the country.

CONDENSED MILK BEING SHIPPED

The first of the season run of condensed milk of the Tennessee local dairy company was put through the machinery Monday. Manufacture of the powdered article has been under process for a couple of weeks. Superintendent Joe Davis, Dallas, of the manufacturing department is here for the season which will end in September or October with the decline of the milk surplus which comes usually with the fall period.

Production has stepped up at all receiving plants of the company, said Mr. Davis. The production at Decatur has increased to 3,500 gallons daily and the Bridgeport station has registered an increase. The largest increase is reported to affect the station at Azle. The price of \$2.40 for four per cent milk stands for the winter patrons regardless of the large increase in production throughout the country.

About half the Decatur production is now being processed through the plant into powdered and condensed milk, the remainder going to Dallas for fluid consumption. The local crew is working on about a twelve hour per day schedule and is turning out about nine barrels, or approximately 1,350 pounds of powder a day. Inspection proves that the plant is putting out a very superior product of powder highly esteemed for various commercial uses and as a balancing protein element in stock and poultry feeding. An interesting visit awaits those who will call and see the method of manufacture.

Since there is relatively a large production of milk in the Decatur vicinity, some of the people are led to wonder why national condensing companies pass up Decatur as the location for a plant. The reason is simple. It is due to the fact that milk bought

DRY CHAMPION'S SON GETS WET

Chicago Killers Send Spies To Prepare Big Jail Delivery Here

New York, N. Y., April 9.—Thomas Hefflin, Jr., advocate of state rights in the matter of prohibition, nursed a black eye today—the price he paid for a flaming piece of research work on the workings of the Volstead law he conducted along Broadway last night.

Young Hefflin, son of the dry senator from Alabama, ended his tour of the "whoopie" belt last night at the west 30th street police station. Yesterday he arrived on the liner Ancon from Panama, announcing that the six bottles of Scotch with which he started out had proved insufficient but that he had met many generous and kind-hearted persons aboard ship.

Today Hefflin was in charge of his father's secretary, J. L. Thornton, who was sent here from Washington to guide him back to Washington.

"I put him to bed last night," Thornton told the United Press today. "Remember that he is just a boy and what happened yesterday and last night is just one of those things."

What happened last night was that young Hefflin received a couple of cuffs from a policeman and was escorted to a police station. There he applied for lodging for the night, or what was left of it, and was refused. Thornton finally arrived to take him to the hotel McAlpin.

Some suggested young Hefflin was depressed by a statement issued by Mrs. Ella A. Boole, national president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

"If young Hefflin had remained on the water wagon while in Panama, his father would not be heart-broken now," Mrs. Boole said.

When the Ancon arrived yesterday, Hefflin was in a convivial mood. He waved his large Panama hat at reporters and announced his stand on prohibition was almost opposite to that taken by his father.

"When I am in Alabama or in Washington, I'm a dry," Hefflin said. "But when I get in a wet state like New York, I'm a wet. I may catch on from dad for saying that, but I have to say it."

"Where is Al Smith? He has the right idea. I think I'll go up to the Biltmore and see Al Smith."

Senator Tom Connally of Texas decided that Hefflin would not see Al Smith or anyone else.

"I have a son of my own," Connally said. "I'm going to take care of this boy."

Connally, who also was aboard the Ancon, refused to let Hefflin go any further in his endorsement of Smith, who is Senator Hefflin's most bitter political enemy.

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT LARGER

At a special meeting of the county board last Friday the New South and Round Mound districts were annexed to Decatur on petition of the people living in the two districts. New South is maintaining a one-teacher school this year while Round Mound did not have enough scholars to have a school of any kind. The people of those districts saw the possibility of greatly improving the educational facilities for their children by coming to Decatur and began actively the work of bringing about the annexation of their districts to Decatur. They met with the Decatur board and discussed the matter with them from every possible angle. The Decatur board finally agreed to permit the annexation through the county board and agreed to furnish a suitable school truck for transportation of the pupils to and from school. A truck route was mapped out and this route was put into the written agreement drawn up by the three districts involved. Every family except one in the two districts live on or near the proposed route. The route covers a distance of twenty miles, half of which will be on the highway and half of it on the dirt roads.

Thus again we have an example of the people's determination to secure better educational advantages for their children. Round Mound moves up from a no school district and New South from a one-teacher school district to a fully affiliated, first class high school. The children from these two districts will get, instead of a six or seven months term, a nine months term. Their vacation periods in-

soley for manufacture may not compete economically in price with milk bought for retail consumption. For this reason Decatur has one of the best milk markets in Texas.

LIONS' TRAIL CROSSES TEXAS

Highway from Roswell N. M. to Texarkana Is Boosted

The Lions' Trail of Texas would be a hard surfaced ribbon of road all the way out from Decatur through West Texas to Roswell New Mexico and all the way back to Texarkana in extreme East Texas. More than that, it would be a connecting unit in an air-line highway from Charleston, S. C., to the Pacific coast. Already it is the most direct road east and west across the state. This was the ambitious project proposed Monday at a special luncheon served by the Decatur Lions a visiting delegations from Newcastle, Graham, Throckmorton and Bridgeport. The Newcastle club headed by Rufus Helm, an old Decatur boy, suggested that the present connected system of highways between Texarkana and Plains, Texas and Roswell N. M., be declared the Lions' Trail of Texas. Decatur and representatives of all other clubs present unanimously endorsed the proposal. President Hughes of the local chamber of commerce, left with the party to urge the project on the towns and communities intervening between here and Texarkana.

In a direct line across Texas east to west lie: Texarkana, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Vernon, Sulphur Springs, Greenville, Farmersville, McKinney, Frisco, Denton, Decatur, Bridgeport, Chico, Jacksboro, Graham, Newcastle, Throckmorton, Haskell, Rule, Aspermont, Jayton, Clairmont, Post, Tahoka, Brownfield, Plains, and Roswell New Mexico.

Visitors here were from Throckmorton, County Judge J. L. Robinson, J. A. Galtier, from Newcastle, Rufus Helm (president Lions Club), T. J. Gardner, Dr. C. J. Parris, Frank Beard, C. W. Tume; from Graham, Rev. J. E. Montgomery (president Lions Club), Hardy Price, James Bowman, Donald Johnson; from Bridgeport, Frank Turner, Floyd Helm, Dr. Carl Reed, Prof. H. H. Sampson. These were guests of the club, as were County Commissioners Henry Walker, Dick Robinson, Abe Birdwell, Alfred Cullwell, County Judge Carl Faith and Representative Grady Woodruff.

Resolutions endorsing the movement were proposed and adopted unanimously. Already, however, Decatur Lions had espoused the undertaking, blank petitions were left calling for the signatures of interested citizens addressed to the state highway commission and asking that the highway receive state and federal designation throughout. A movement was started to connect up the uncompleted links as soon as possible, it being set out that the uncompleted portion between Decatur and Denton was among the most serious of breaks in the highway. Traffic is being detoured around Wise county as a result of the wet weather bad condition of the road between Decatur and Denton, the men from the western communities pointed out. The entire county is losing the impetus of development that the completed road across Wise county would give.

Violin and piano numbers were contributed to the occasion by Misses Moody and Siddons, Decatur College, and a trio of singers of Graham, composed of Messrs. Price, Bowman and Johnson.

stead of being from 5 to 15 minutes in length will be from 20 to 30 minutes in length in the grades and 45 minutes in length in the high school. They will be in a school where they can complete their high school education and still stay at home. Then, if they want to go to college after graduation, they may enter the freshman year without question.

MELTON MARRIES BONNIE JONES

Miss Bonnie Jones and Mr. J. H. Melton were married Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the home of Rev. J. H. Heathington, who performed the ceremony. Attending the wedding were Mrs. J. L. Jones, Miss Chester Mae White of Decatur, and Mr. J. D. Walton of Boyd. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for Dallas where they will reside, and where Mr. Melton is engaged in business. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones, proprietors of the City Hotel in Decatur, and she has many accomplishments. Messenger joins the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Melton in wishing a long and happy married life.

TIMELY HINTS

By County Agent

Some Causes of Infertility of Hatching Eggs

Since infertility proves one of the greatest sources of loss, and probably depends in large measure upon the breeding stock and the mode of handling eggs, it is well to recognize a few of its common causes. They are here outlined as follows:

Immature or extremely aged breeding stock, the former being the more common cause.

Insufficient time between mating and the saving of eggs for hatching.

Weakened vitality of the breeding stock.

Excessively fat breeders.

Insufficient exercise.

Lack of green feed.

Lack of sufficient animal protein.

Excess of females to one male.

Unsuitable environment.

The following are some causes of "apparent infertility," or death of the germs: (1) Low vitality of the breeders; (2) Keeping eggs at too high a temperature; (3) Keeping eggs too long before incubation; (4) Insufficient turning.

Check the above and see why your eggs did not hatch.

Pecan budding and grafting demonstration at Alvord and Paradise on May 21st.

Dairy Farmers Cut Cost of Production

Wise county dairy and poultry farmers are beginning to catch the step of all other industries of the business and industrial world with regard to cheapened cost of production. It is pointed out that the cost of production cannot be cheapened by denying a bunch of cows or chickens all they require of feed, but may be done by getting or breeding better cows and chickens and raising all the feed possible on the home premises.

A movement is now underway of introducing a still better quality of dairy cattle into the county. County Agent Guy Powell is at the helm of such an undertaking and will furnish information to those who seek it. Anybody who wants to buy one or more cows, bred heifers or calves of purebred blood and high production ancestry as the foundation start of a future fine herd should confer with Mr. Powell. This applies to farmers, dairy farmers and club boys alike. It is hoped that some means of financing those needing help to buy and set are worthy of it may be worked out. Co-operative buying will add better selections and cheapened purchasing.

Improvement Notes

The work of building sidewalks, concrete gutters and curbs to adorn the street margins of the pretty and substantial homes of J. M. Scott, Mack W. Burch and Floyd Head, on East Main Street, has been completed. Not only have these citizens added to the attractive appearance of their home premises by these substantial improvements, but they have proven themselves benefactors to the community as a whole. For resulting by the streets have been widened by the construction of the gutters and walking made a convenience by the smooth footways. Moreover a grace of civic beauty has been added to the surrounding precincts. Go thou citizens and do likewise.

Tidying up Harmon Field for the spring and summer recreation season has already started. And already the kids and grown folks have begun to pre-empt the grounds of the popular resort. C. L. Christian committed to the task of constructing the croquet grounds, reports his task completed. These courts have been built very substantially and at no small cost. They have been built in accordance with official rules and are as good. One hundred thirty five wagon loads as there are in the country anywhere. Of clay have been recently hauled to fill the spaces between the concrete margins composing the playing grounds proper and on top of this a sand surfacing will be placed.

Destruction of the front of the former Cash Grocery company, corner building southeast corner of the square, proceeds and before long the brick for a building front will begin to be put up. The Wise Oil company has secured a long lease on the property to be operated as an automobile service station and also as the terminal station of the North Texas Coach company from whence, following completion and occupancy, the stages of the company will arrive and depart. It is a popular corner and the uses to which it will be put will contribute many advantages to the traveling public as well as to the local traffic.

The Gulf Refining company, Douglass & Burton, local distributors, are completing a modern brick filling station on the east side of lower East Main street. When the driveways are finished and the debris of construction cleaned away an up to the minute place for the refueling of the automobile driver will have been provided.

Doss Carl has been placed in full time charge of the field and possesses police powers from the city. Trees and shrubbery have been pruned and the weeds are being kept costs. Join up with this movement and get some superior milk cattle. It will pay big dividends in the long run.

down. It is probable that the summer concerts of the band will be held at the field.

Perkins-Timberlake company, the City Bakery and Majestic theatre have done some repainting of store fronts. The chamber of commerce auxiliary ladies have planted crepe myrtle thruout the town and on the courthouse lawn. A flower bed is being planted at the city hall. Keeper Gordon New has treated the trunks of the courthouse lawn trees to fresh coats of white wash. The new lawn of the Methodist church on East Main street is a joy to look upon this spring.

METHODIST CHURCH

The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Chas. Sparks, will furnish good music Sunday. The pastor will preach on "Prayer" at the eleven o'clock hour. The evening service will begin at 8 o'clock.

The Sunday school attendance is increasing. Will you join us Sunday? E. H. MAYES, Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. Daniel Rosoff and his son, Albert, are converted Jews. The elder Rosoff is a gifted and accomplished singer who was for a time with the Metropolitan Opera Company, and his son was a lawyer before he entered the Christian ministry. The younger man tells his Christian experience and the father sings, and together they form an unusual attraction. They are to conduct the services at the Baptist church next Sunday both morning and evening. They have spoken and sung at the leading churches of the country and they are recommended by a number of the best known preachers of the country. Many conversions have resulted from their services. Mr. Rosoff sang at the Southern Baptist convention. The public is invited to hear them.

R. E. BELL, Pastor.

T. O. G. CLUB

The T. O. G. Club met last Saturday with Miss Bess McMordie. During the business session, new rules were voted upon and passed.

Lovely refreshments were served by Misses Ava White, Louise Greer, Margie McCracken, Verna Toland, Stella Bess Stokes, Betty Agnes Workman, Gladys Thompson, Betty Lou Lillard, Maxine Christian, Virginia Patterson, Carrie Alice Mays and the hostess.

The club will meet Saturday evening with Miss Emily Bellah.

County Farmers Growing Cucumbers

Decatur territory farmers are pledging themselves to grow an acreage of cucumbers to supply a Fort Worth pickling plant. Contracts with the company are now being signed and seed is being secured. Approximately thirty-five acres have been promised and the outlook is for around fifty.

The contract in which a scale of prices is guaranteed regardless of the fluctuations of the cucumber market calls for delivery of the product at the Fort Worth factory. If the planting industry prospers in the Decatur territory this season, in other words, if farmers will plant enough 'cukes' this year, next season the market will be at Decatur where brine vats will be built to preserve the product pending its transfer to Fort Worth.

It is regarded as a worthwhile project by farmers who are in position to grow cukes and through it it is hoped that another farm industry may be added role of diversification.

The company contract is on file at Wright Bros., grocery store where the seed may be obtained also. The local firm will explain all details of the move, as will County Agent Powell or the secretary of the chamber of commerce, to all who want further information.

Contract has been let for a new \$21,000 Baptist church at Crosbyton.

Reports of the "white house spokesman's" demise were exaggerated. He has turned up in Northampton as the "spokesman of 21 Massachusetts street."—New York Evening Post.

In less than a month twenty home demonstration clubs have been organized among the rural girls of Angelina county.

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35c Almond Cream	19c
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\$1.00 House Dresses	69c
Ladies' Silk Dresses	\$5.25
Good Overalls	85c
\$25.00 Blue Serge Suits	\$16.50
\$25.00 Metcalf Worsted Suits	\$11.50
\$15.00 Boy's Suits, 2 pair pants	\$7.95

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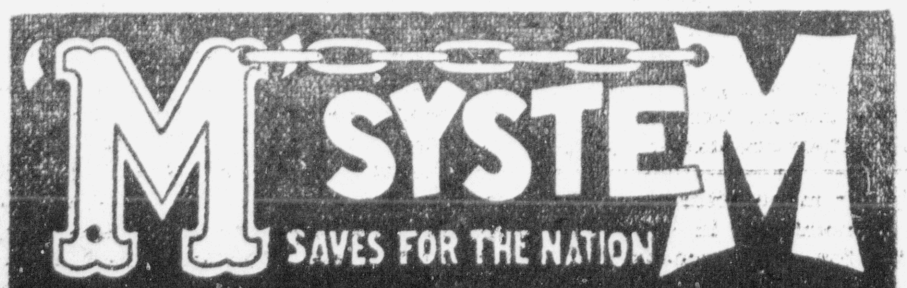
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MUSTARD, qt. jar	15c
LARD, 8 lb. pail	\$1.20
BEANS, pound	12c
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Good Work Stock Getting Scarce in Wise

Good farm work teams, mules and horses, are destined to become a rarity in Wise county if the predictions of leading farmers and stockmen come true. It is pointed out that good breeding sires, inclusive of both stallions and jacks, are practically non-existent, especially in the vicinity of Decatur this spring. Furthermore good young mares are scarce.

What is going to happen when all the old horses and mules now on the farms are used up and die off? Stockmen stress the fact that farm teams now in use, as a general rule, are already getting old and about ready for the scrap heap. And practically no breeding going on this spring. Where are the work teams of the future coming from?

These are questions that are giving concern to a lot of thoughtful farmers who have a habit of looking to the future as well as the present. Traders and horse and mule dealers at Decatur say that it is hard to find a good young team of mules for sale in the county. And they are worth, good ones, from two to two-fifty a span. It means that the usual revenue coming in from the sale of surplus work stock of good salable quality is to be cut off. Furthermore it means that a lot of insufficient plowing and general farming is to be done in the future with the light teams and old stock that is now on hand.

It would pay handsomely right now for somebody to arrange to import some quality breeding stock into the county, stallions, jacks and mares. That is what the leading farmers, dealers and traders of the county think, and as judged by the outlook it is more real than apparent that they have sized up the situation from a common-sense standpoint.

Mrs. Boyd Dies In Frederick, Oklahoma

Mrs. Rebecca A. Boyd passed away at the home of her grand-son, Joe Barnes, 701 North Tenth street, Sunday morning at 3:15 o'clock, following an illness of five months duration. Mrs. Boyd was 80 years, one month and 25 days old, at the time of her death, and had been a resident of Frederick and Tillman county for the past 27 years.

Mrs. Boyd was born in Springfield, Illinois, February 6, 1846, where she lived until the age of seven years, when she moved to Decatur, Texas. In 1902 she removed to Tillman county with her children and grandsons, Joe Barnes, and homesteaded a farm southwest of Frederick, which she owned until her death. She had been living with Barnes, however, during the declining years of her life.

Three children survive Mrs. Boyd—J. G. Boyd of Long Beach, California; L. R. Boyd of Lawton, Okla., and Mrs. Effie Fox, Oklahoma City. There are two sisters, Mrs. M. J. Speaves, Frederick, and Mrs. C. B. Hall, Sr., Frederick. The grandchildren who survive her are Joe Barnes and Mrs. Earl Roberts, both of Frederick; Nellie Fox, S. C. Fox and Bonnie Fox, all of Oklahoma City, and Verne Boyd and Pauline Boyd of Long Beach, California.

Mrs. Boyd united with the Christian church 50 years ago, and faithfully discharged her church obligations throughout her lifetime. She was one of the pioneer women of Tillman county and her christian character made for her a host of friendships in the communities in which she lived.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Monday morning from the First Christian church in Frederick, with Rev. James M. Blakey, pastor, in charge. Burial was made in the city cemetery.—Frederick (Okla.) Leader.

LIBERTY POINT

Mr. D. T. McEntire, Jr., and Mr. J. B. Perkins, Jr., spent last Saturday night with Albert Lee Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lee of Fort Worth, spent the weekend with relatives of this community.

Mrs. Vera Rich and daughter of Wichita Falls, and Mrs. Vessie Stockton and son of Alford, spent Saturday night in the W. W. Perkins home.

Mrs. Beulah Peyton of Lone Mound, community, spent Wednesday night with Mrs. Robert McEntire.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Perkins and son, and Elizabeth Perkins, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reagan.

Mrs. Gladys McEntire spent Wednesday with Mrs. Beulah Peyton of the Lone Mound community.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Perkins of New South visited in the W. W. Perkins home Sunday.

Several from this community attended the play at Elma Friday night.

Miss Bernice Maidens of Decatur, spent Thursday night with Miss Dessie Mae Reagan.

Mr. J. B. Perkins spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Vessie Stockton.

Misses Trula Mae and Loveda Peyton and Bernice Maidens spent Friday night with Miss Mary Lee Rich.

There will be a pie supper at the Liberty Point church the nineteenth of this month. Everyone is invited.

Seven was not such a lucky number for burglars who looted that many stores in one night at Waskom, Harrison county, and got about \$200 in money and merchandise.

BOYD NEWS

Walter Munn of Coleman, has been visiting in Boyd and Keeter this week. Miss Lou Reid has been very ill for several days.

Mrs. Gibson of New Hope, is visiting here daughter, Mrs. I. J. Wren. Boyd school closed Friday, April 5, after a term of seven months.

Misses Sarah Wren and Agnes Tally are going to a business college in Fort Worth.

Misses Hazel and Mamie Trussell, Anna Lois Jamison and Mr. W. M. Trussell were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Trussell and family last Sunday.

Messrs. Earl Petty, Sam Applewhite and Lee Munn were elected as trustees last Saturday for the Boyd school. Boyd and vicinity had a good rain Monday afternoon.

THE DAIRY COW

The farmer's best friend is his old dairy cow;

If he owes a debt she will pay it somehow.

She grazes the roadside to eke out her life

And works without wages, the same as his wife.

Though Jersey or Holstein or Short-horn her breed,

Hard work is her habit and thrift is her creed;

And if, when she comes home at night to the barn,

You praise her or blame her she cares not a darn.

She always has something to add to her pelf;

She brings in the coupons, just clip them yourself.

Get out the old milk-stool, sit down with a bump,

Grab hold of her handles, and pump-tidy-pump.

She helps with the living and keeps us all fat,

The hired man, the baby, the pig and the cat;

And dad takes the surplus to town, and by heck!

The creamery gives him a wonderful check.

And when she is ready to die of old age,

The butcher writes "Fini" at the end of her page;

Then back to our table she comes, I'll be bound,

In prime ribs and steaks that cost 30 cents per pound.

—The Borden Eagle.

ICE CREAM SUPPER AT JOE BAILEY FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH

The officers of the Joe Bailey Community Club met in a business session Tuesday night, and arranged to have a cream supper on the night of Friday, April 19th, the proceeds of which will go to the school. There will be provided plenty of entertainment for both old and young. Come out and enjoy the evening.

Natural gas service was started at Liberty Tuesday with the mayor using a skyrocket as a lighter and a fifty-foot gas torch set afire in the community park.

Good Roads Great Help to Farmers

A practically new market outlet for certain kinds of produce of farms of the Decatur territory, mainly fruit and vegetables, has been established in recent years as the outgrowth of better roads and truck hauling. As roads are bettered and hauling and growth of markets increases this new kind of industry will become the more and more emphasized. One man hauled from the Decatur vicinity last year 49 truck loads of produce, mainly to west Texas markets composed in major part of melons, potatoes, etc.

To participate in this new business successfully and profitably it will be necessary for the grower to raise a good commercial product and on a scale sufficient to attract the hauler and buyer. Already a fairly dependable market has been established and will grow more and more dependable as a profitable sideline or mainline to farmers as roads are bettered and heavily laden trucks are enabled to get in and out of farm communities.

Wolves Raiding Farmers' Sheep

Wolves are reported to have made depredations recently on the sheep flock of George Rahn, killing three sheep of Clyde Holt, killing one of his sheep of Clyde Holt, killing one of his pedigree breeders. A turkey tom was dispatched for Esper Walker and two turkey hens and several chickens belonging to Bob Caraway. A raid was made last week on the hen flock of Felix Mote on Denton creek and several fowls destroyed.

Monday two wolves were caught by the Lambert boys east of Decatur.

Notice of Administration

The State of Texas: County of Wise;

To All Persons Interested in the Welfare of or Having Claims Against the Estate of S. D. Hinkle, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that at the January, A. D. 1929, term of the County Court of said County of Wise, State of Texas, the undersigned, whose place of residence and post office address is at Boyd, in said County and State, was, by order of the Judge of said Court, appointed administrator of the estate of S. D. Hinkle, deceased; that the said undersigned has, in accordance with the Revised Statutes properly qualified and is now acting in said capacity, and notice is here given to all persons having claim or claims against the estate of said intestate to present same within the time prescribed by law.

W. E. MUNN, Administrator.

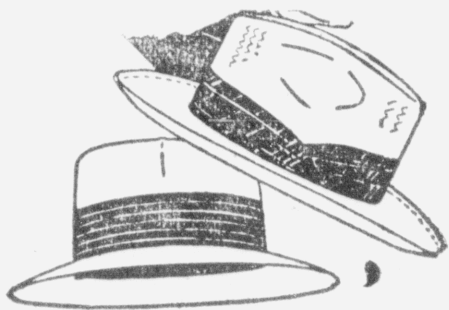
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"Our Country! In her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong."
—Stephen Decatur.

Friday Morning, April 12, 1929

The I'm Alone was mistaken.

Billie Sunday is in Texas, and sawdust has taken a boost in price.

It is believed in some quarters that Moody's veto of the Wirtz bill caused disappointment in the ranks of the leaders of the Hoover democrats.

Jimmy Walker has been selected to head Tammany. Several months ago some thousands of Texans selected to tail the same organization.

Those Newcastle boosters are on the right road; the 39th from Texarkana to Roswell, N. M., with federal government backing.

Now comes a report to the effect that citizens in the great Chico country want a direct highway from that section into the county capital.

Now Senator Heflin's enemies will wonder why he does not enforce the prohibition amendment in his own home circle.

Not five per cent of the voters in Decatur participated in the school trustee election. The brutal majority not taking part in selecting the board will have no complaint to register.

According to the style-setters, the girl who would be strictly in style will display her back to the waist line. It is called the "sun back." We are progressing.

Bermuda and Spanish onions from Texas are about to join Swiss cheese from Wisconsin and Smyrna figs from California, says the Christian Science Monitor.

Former vice-president, Charles Dawes, goes to the Court of St. James as Uncle Sam's ambassador. This will be disappointing news to the leaders of the Texas Hoover-demo. faction.

"How mach should mothers tell their daughters?" asks a preacher. Not much, say we, if they don't want to display their ignorance.—Border Cities Star.

Governor Dan Moody has called a special session of the legislature and high noon on April 22 is the day set for the convening. In the mean-time the tax-payer will perform as committee on expense.

The old sister who takes delight in repeating, frequently manufacturing, tales of damaging character about some neighbor's offspring, should peddle softly, in view of the fact that her offsprings are making whoopes whoop on every occasion.

It appears that the "joke" candidate for chief magistrate of Dallas came down the stretch in the recent municipal election a nose ahead of the field. Depended on those Dallas patriots to do the unexpected.

Political rumor has it that Cato Sells, former Indian commissioner under Woodrow Wilson, has been tendered a good position with the Hoover administration. Sells is an able man, and his private and public life is an open book to the people.

That learned Texas lawmaker who is seeking notoriety in the Texas lawmakers' body as a champion of Sunday law enforcement by clanging loud and long for the closing of picture shows in the cities on the Sabbath, should not overlook the violations in the little country towns. The members of the knot-hole spitters union and the devotees of the pulse-throbbing games of crack-a-loo and penny matching in the country hamlets will tell the agitated legislator where to "head in."

THE GREAT EGG BASKET

The late Andrew Carnegie, he of Scotch nativity, big fortune, big heart, and much common sense, when asked by a young man for a good rule for a business life, said: "Put all your eggs in one basket, and then watch that basket."

Such advice should not be construed as some do, to mean that a farmer, for example, should confine himself to one crop any more than it means to put all your eggs into one basket, and then watch just one of the eggs. Even had he so meant the southern

one-crop farmers had already proved such advice to be bad, and some continue to prove it every year.

What this canny Scot, great business man and philanthropist, did mean was to decide on one sort of business and stick closely to that. There is little question that had Mr. Carnegie been a farmer he would have been a pronounced diversificationist. The great iron master never allowed anything to go to waste that could be used to advantage.

In the business he was engaged in, that of manufacturing steel products, he did not confine himself exclusively to producing steel rails for railroads, nor steel structural material. He manufactured steel and iron products of various kinds.

Doubtless, had he been applying his advice to farmers, he would have said, "Since you have selected farming as your life work, go at it, stick to it, and get everything out of the soil it will produce from which you can make any money. It is all well enough to specialize in some products, but not to confine yourself to such products altogether."

The farm is the farmer's egg basket, but it does not mean that he should carry only one kind of eggs in it. I will hold hen eggs, turkey eggs, guinea eggs, and so on. It will also hold various grades of eggs, but everyone knows that the thing to do is to put into it only such as will bring the greatest returns.

Every sort of crop is a different egg for the farmer's basket, since, as said before, his basket is the farm itself. Cotton is one crop egg, corn another, wheat another, oats another. Poultry, hogs, sheep, cattle, all are eggs in the basket called the farm. The job is to see that it contains them.—Dallas News.

THE SUNDAY LAW

Representative Woodall of Marshall says he will introduce a resolution at the special session calling on the governor and other state officials to enforce the Sunday theater law throughout the state. There are 142 cities and towns in Texas, Mr. Woodall says, where moving picture shows are shown Sunday, and he wants the law enforced in these places just as it is in Marshall and the many other towns where there are no Sunday movies.

But does Marshall observe the Sunday law in all particulars? Does any community? Aren't cigarettes, soft drinks, and other things sold in Marshall, and in nearly every Texas community on Sunday? Will Mr. Woodall's resolution demand that the law be enforced, not only as to Sunday amusements, but as to drug stores as well?

There is the weakness in the law enforcement scheme. The Sunday law as a whole is unenforceable. Anyone who undertakes to enforce it cannot very well single out one class of violator and overlook another class. The framers of the original Sunday closing law over-reached themselves in their zeal, with the result that Texas would now be far better off without any Sunday law at all than with a measure that is not literally observed, so far as we are aware, in a single county in Texas.

The governor in his veto message said that the legislature could not authorize cities and towns to set aside a state law. The way to make Sunday movies legal is to repeal the present law and authorize cities and towns to pass ordinances forbidding Sunday shows within their respective corporate limits. Those who object to that plan should unite in the enactment of a new Sunday law that will remove the unreasonable and unenforceable prohibitions of the present one. We believe it would be better to have legalized Sunday movies in every village and hamlet in Texas than to have a law which is generally flouted and ignored, as we now have.—Wichita Times.

Night is the best time for sardine fishing as it is easier to locate the fish at that time.

In a 60-mile gale of wind a window only 10 feet square is subject to 1,800 pounds pressure.

We often get up in the morning feeling like an altitude record and go to bed at night feeling like engine trouble.—Ohio State Journal.

Forty Years Ago

April 6, 1889

H. R. Fullingim rejoices over the recent arrival of a new baby at his home.

Rep. Pickett and R. M. Collins are expected to be at home from Austin this week.

The merchants of Aurora claim to have handled over \$200,000 worth of cotton this season.

Frank Roberts, who was badly stabbed recently, was improving yesterday and it is thought that he will recover.

Twenty Years Ago

April 9, 1909

Capt. H. E. Brady, Sam McMillan and Walter Harding were fishing Wednesday at the gun club lake.

J. Burns Beard and wife have returned to their home in Frederick, after a week's visit to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Beard.

The commissioners' court has ordered an election to be held at Alvord to pass on the issuing of \$10,000 worth of bonds for the purpose of building a brick school building in that town.

Henry L. Ward was re-elected mayor of Decatur without opposition last Tuesday. John W. Hogg, Steve M. Gose and Geo. M. Neilson were re-elected aldermen.

Chas. Christian came in Sunday from Tyler, where he has just completed a course in bookkeeping at the Tyler Commercial college. He now has a position as bookkeeper with Lillard & Co.

While playing about the fireplace last Wednesday morning at the home of its parents, the little child of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hoyl had its clothing to catch fire, and but for the timely assistance of Mrs. Hoyl, the child would have been burned to death.

County Treasurer Wash Davis was this week ordered by the commissioners' court to pay out \$2,000 on the court house indebtedness. This leaves \$78,000 worth of 4 per cent bonds against the court house. The original cost of the building, furnished, was \$135,000.

A reporter of the Messenger in his rounds of the courthouse, seeking what news he could devour, one day this week, found Judge Terrell in a reminiscent mood, and we got the following from him: The office of county judge was created in this county about forty years ago, and it is believed that Judge J. W. Patterson was the first man to hold the position. Then came Sam Hodges, G. B. Pickett, W. W. Brady, W. H. Bullock, J. T. Johnson, R. F. Spencer, S. G. Tankersley, and J. G. Gose. Some of these gentlemen held the office three terms. And all these ex-county judges are alive and enjoying life, save one, W. W. Brady, who died about 20 years ago.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE Chico State Bank

at Chico, State of Texas at the close of business on the 27th day of March 1929.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral security	\$88,490.35
Overdrafts, undoubtedly good	133.92
Customers' Bonds held for safekeeping	13,700.00
Real Estate (Banking house)	1,250.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,350.00
Cash on hand	5,659.56
Due from approved reserve agents	49,864.53
Interest in Depositor's Guaranty Fund	867.54
Assessment Depositors Guaranty Fund	1,086.34
TOTAL	\$162,402.24
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$25,000.00
Other Surplus Fund	7,649.00
Undivided profits, net	1,159.78
Individual Deposits subject to check	106,951.55
Time Certificates of Deposit	7,800.00
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	141.91
Customers' Bonds deposited for safekeeping	13,700.00
TOTAL	\$162,402.24

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Wise:
We, T. S. McCurdy, as President, and V. E. Baldrige, as Cashier of the said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

T. S. McCURDY, President.
V. E. BALDRIDGE, Cashier.
CORRECT—ATTEST:
JNO. J. BLANTON,
S. H. CURTNER,
T. S. STEPHENS, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of April, A. D., 1929.
J. T. LYNCH, Notary Public,
(Seal) Wise County, Texas.

SKYGAK ATTENDS NOTED GATHERING

On a recent Saturday afternoon one of the most noted gatherings in the annals of history took place on the vacant lot at the southeast corner of the square in Decatur. The crowd was made up of some of the most prominent men of Decatur and surrounding country. Retired farmers were there, business men were there, teachers, preachers, doctors and lawyers were all present at various times during the meeting. Men of good reputation and sterling qualities mingled with the riff-raff and rabble all on an equal footing.

The occasion was the auctioning off of some silver doodads and gold thing-a-majigs and some leather cadeflers. On the east the great crowd was bounded by a concrete wall and on the south by a shoe shop and on the west by the bank. The whole scene was beautifully set off by the smiling faces of Dr. Prunty and Lawyer Lobdell casting a rainbow halo over the milling crowd from an open window in Doc's office.

The auctioneer, in order to be fair, wouldn't let anyone bid on the stuff without said bidder held a blue or red poker chip entitling him the coveted privilege of bidding. The blue chips sold for a dime and the red chips sold for one dollar. Of course no one wanted to be out of the bidding so all of us plunked down the money for the coveted chips, each man according to his ability. The plan of bidding was beautifully simple. The fortunate bidders, at the start, were allowed to bid in the stuff and hold their money till the auctioneer called for it at a later date. This plan of doing business naturally made us lucky first bidders feel good. We felt specially honored to think that a stranger would let us hold our money for him. We later woke up to the fact that we had paid the man a dime or dollar for the privilege of standing in the hot sun all afternoon and holding our money. We later realized that we might have held our own money for nothing and stayed in the shade where we could have been comfortable if we had been sensible enough to have kept it in the first place.

At the close of the day, when the crowd had been bled white, the auctioneer proceeded to call in the chips and deliver each man his valuable or valueless purchase. He asked each of us if we were satisfied, and each of us, secretly hoping for some sort of a rebate, said we were satisfied and

happy. He told us all to smile. Some of us could only muster a sickly grin, while others smiled broadly, and some even laughed out loud. It was afterward learned that the loud laughers were fellows that still had all their money and hadn't paid anything for the blessed privilege of keeping it.

But, after all, the auctioneer was honest. He made us all a present of a genuine "Arkansas 'coon's eye diamond" stick pin. Of course the dime or dollar we paid for the chips and the three dollars worth of time we spent in standing around all evening can't be charged against the pin. That is just so much valuable experience.

P. S.—If any of our readers want a diamond pin, we can get them one at a bargain, and throw in as much experience as they want free.

Of 28 borough councils in London, 15 have done nothing in the past seven years to build new houses or relieve the conditions of the slums, recently declared the bishop of London.

That they may understand highway motor traffic and troubles, 220 men in the Birminghamshire, England, county police force are being taught to run automobiles.

The smoke from a great forest fire near Duluth, Minn., was timed by observers and in three days was found as far south as Texas where the odor was quite noticeable.

For diving in the river Kennet, in England, and rescuing a cat whose struggles were being watched by men and boys, Miss Geyneth Herford, a Reading University student, has been awarded a medal by the Royal Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

Televox has begun to show human traits. Among other things he is susceptible to sirens.—New York Times.

The trouble with industry and commerce is that congress is the back-seat driver.—Boston Shoe and Leather Reporter.

The Montreal Star in its sage way likens life to a one-way street, pointing out that you're not coming back, and another resemblance is that a good many of the people in it are going the wrong way.—Ohio State Journal.

One known as the ace of gangsters is under arrest in Chicago. Now let the rest of the pack be included in a grand slam.—Boston Transcript.

If none of the numerous Wichita planes in Mexico is in trouble it is because they are used to several thousand revolutions a minute.—Wichita Eagle.

The new secretary of war comes from Chicago, and we suppose he's had a good deal of experience, at least as an unofficial observer.—Ohio State Journal.

A stamp bearing the portrait of Ananias rather than Washington would be more appropriate for some of the stuff we get in the mail.—Arkansas Gazette.

A vanished bit of protective coloration is the girlish blush.—Arkansas Gazette.

Worried Night after Night as health declined

"I SUFFERED frequently from nervous headaches, and I could not sleep well," says Mrs. Cora Dover, R. F. D. 2, Hickory Grove, S. C. "I was thin and pale. I was so weak I could scarcely walk. I tried several remedies which were suggested, but nothing seemed to help me. Night after night I worried because I could see I was going down-hill. I had my children to look after, and I was afraid of what would become of them if anything happened to me."

"I began to take Cardui on the recommendation of a friend. It wasn't long until I was beginning to pick up. My strength gradually began to return. I rested better at night and was less nervous. I took several bottles of Cardui, and when I had finished taking it I was in fine health."

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Dick Collins, Editor

LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Selby and family of Denton, were visiting here Sunday.

Miss Lois Davis was in Fort Worth Friday.

Miss Winnie Alexander of Fort Worth, spent the week-end at home.

Paul Counts was in Fort Worth last Saturday.

Miss Reba Roe visited her parents in Sunset during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Walker of Fort Worth, visited here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Walker spent Sunday with relatives in Greenwood.

Raymond McGhee of D. B. Co., was in Fort Worth last Saturday.

George Richter of Lampasas, was here last Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Ayers of Blackwell, are visiting friends in Decatur.

Clara Mae Reeves was in Ft. Worth Saturday.

Eustace McDowell and Charles Griffin were in Fort Worth Saturday.

Miss Lillian Walker of Henrietta, spent the week-end at home.

Rev. W. H. Rice visited his son in Fort Worth Sunday.

F. A. R. Morgan and daughter, Miss Marion, were in Fort Worth Saturday.

Mrs. E. B. Melton visited her son in Dallas Sunday.

Mrs. Dale Woods was in Fort Worth Saturday.

Hubert Clay is working in Fort Worth this week.

Walker Patterson of Dallas, was visiting here Saturday.

Cecil Jennings is visiting his father here this week.

John Fullingim of Amarillo, was visiting relatives here last week.

Ray Christian was in Denton last Friday.

Rufus Helm of Olney, was visiting friends here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moore were in Wichita Falls Sunday.

J. C. Banks of Glen Rose, was in Decatur last Saturday.

H. H. Heathington and wife are here this week from Oklahoma.

Miss Kathleen Bennett was in Fort Worth Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Helm visited in Bridgeport Sunday.

Gordon Barker and his mother of Rhome, were in Decatur Tuesday.

Leslie Montgomery was in Ft. Worth Monday.

Mrs. A. D. Reeves is visiting her daughter in Dallas this week.

Judson Petty of Alford, was in the city Wednesday.

Mrs. W. E. Horton and children were in Fort Worth Saturday.

Bird Sparks of Rhome, was in Decatur Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Helm and Mrs. B. A. Man were in Dallas Monday.

W. B. Lyles of Justin, was in Decatur Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Blackburn and children visited in Fort Worth Sunday.

Miss Marcel Wilson of Denton, visited her sister, Mrs. John Rowan, last Saturday.

J. H. Gentry, superintendent of the Greenwood school, was in Decatur last Saturday.

Mrs. J. C. Cox of Santon, who visited her son for several days, returned to her home Saturday.

Mmes. B. C. Cotner, H. W. Smith and M. Ray of Fort Worth, were here Tuesday.

Rex May of Fort Worth, was visiting relatives and friends here first of the week.

Mrs. G. C. Ratliff and son, Grover, Jr., visited Mrs. Eta Counts and family Sunday.

Miss Betty Lou Gentry of Greenwood, spent Saturday with her aunt, Mrs. Wallace Gregg.

Mrs. R. M. Ash and Misses Laura Ash, Jessie Price and Marcelle Bastain were in Denton Sunday.

Mrs. R. A. Miller of Tipton, Okla., is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. David Klapper of Fletcher, Okla., spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rhine.

Mrs. R. J. Lindley and Mrs. J. D. Breedlove are visiting in Henrietta this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reeves and Mrs. Bill Hill were in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Millard Horton, who is attending school in Denton, spent the week-end at home.

Rev. John R. Rice of Fort Worth, was visiting relatives here first of the week.

Mrs. J. R. Caswell of Hastings, Okla., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. St. Clair, this week.

Mmes. S. C. Ross and Archie Morris and Misses Venita Nolle and Cathryn Clark were in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Miss Rena Counts and little Miss La Verne Hamilton of Bridgeport, were week-end guests of Mrs. Eta Counts.

Mrs. Ollie Waters and daughter, Miss Esta Mae, of Fort Worth, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Green.

Mrs. Charles Ratliff and daughter, Miss Mary Frances, of Fort Worth, visited Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Petty Sunday.

If you have farm or residence for trade, it may be very much to your advantage to see me. R. L. BLANK-ENSHIP, Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Troop and Misses Flossie and Amanda Montgomery of Big Springs were here this week during the illness and death of their aunt, Miss Rose Montgomery.

Mmes. Luther Belew and Hays Dunaway and Misses Oriana Davenport, Emma Dean Belew and Helen Bamber attended the Worth in Fort Worth Saturday.

O. F. F. CLUB

Misses Estelle and Emma Dean Belew were hostesses to the O. F. F. Club last Friday evening.

In the business meeting, plans were made for a picnic; and some money-making schemes were discussed.

Delicious refreshments were served to Misses Margaret Boyd, Alma Wilkerson, Flora Reeves, Annette McMor-die, Eva Jo Greer, Mildred Dillehay, Fannie Pearl Askey, Dorothy Patterson, Hanna Marie Renshaw, Minnie Pearl Arnette, Marion Smith, Frances Jeanne Lacey, Oriana Davenport, Lois Breedlove and Laverne Thompson; and Mmes. J. I. McDaniel and R. G. Nobles.

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FOR RENT—Furnished apartment, upstairs three rooms, breakfast room, bath, hot and cold water; lights and water furnished.—Mrs. R. L. THOMPSON, 434 West Walnut street, Decatur. (1f)

FOR RENT—New, up-to-date brick residence in West Decatur.—J. H. CATES.

FOR SALE—White Leghorn baby chicks at the Decatur Hatchery Saturday for 12½¢ each; eggs for setting, \$3.50 per 100.—DECATUR HATCHERY, John Orr, Prop.

FOR SALE—Ear corn and oats at farm near Rhome; also at farm where Ray O'Neal lives, and at Short farm. Big Boll cottonseed at home in Decatur. Tel. 425, or 4 on 412, Decatur. A. B. VANMETER.

WANTED—Quilting, fancy or plain; \$1.00 per spool.—MRS. J. M. PRES-TRIDGE, Decatur.

WANTED—A live, energetic man to represent us in Wise county. A good paying contract. A fine opportunity for right party. Experience not necessary. Must be able to give good references and furnish conveyance. Write Singer Sewing Machine Company, Gainesville, Texas. (16)

FOR SALE—Good Fordson tractor and Letz feed mill. Will sell cheap, or trade for good stock cattle.—LOUIS NIKIRK, 4 miles south of Alford. (15)

FOR SALE—Holstein Jersey cow, 2 years old; first calf; four-gallon.—J. T. PHILLIPS, Rte 6, Decatur (16)

NOTICE—I have forms for building 7x10 arch roof, concrete cellar. The weather forecast for the next three months seems to indicate terrible storms. See me and save the women and children.—S. McCORNACK, Indp. phone.

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Cascara Aromatic, 4 oz......39c
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Spirit, Camphor, 2 oz......19c
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One Hundred Tablets
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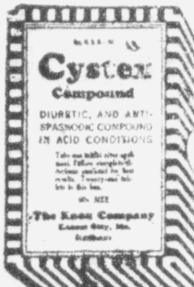


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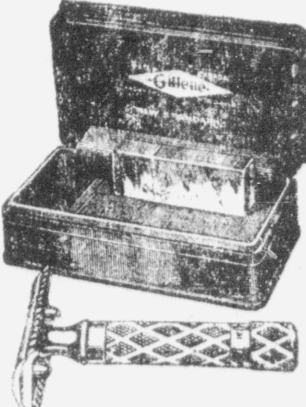
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Notice to Telephone Subscribers

Owing to the high cost of operation, it becomes necessary that we charge for all calls out of town and wish to announce the following very low rates on station to station calls. Station to station calls are those on which you agree to talk to anyone who answers the called telephone. Call "Long Distance" say, "I want John Doe's residence, Bridgeport." If you know the telephone number, give it, it will speed up the service.

Be sure you do not specify any particular person with whom you wish to talk. Station to Station rate to Alford, Chico, Bridgeport, Paradise, Boyd and Shidell is 10c for three minutes and 5c for each additional minute. Rhome 15c. Station to station calls are completed more quickly. The rates are less than person to person calls.

Could you ask us to do it for less?

Decatur Telephone Co.

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas:
County of Wise:

Notice Is Hereby Given That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Tarrant County, on the 12th day of February, 1929, by R. E. Neely, Clerk of said Court, for the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Eight and 45/100 Dollars (\$1368.45) and costs of suit, under a Judgement in favor of Wm. Donald and the Union Mortgage Company in a certain cause in said Court, No. 81054 and styled Wm. Donald and the Union Mortgage Company vs. D. C. Riley and Stella Riley and W. C. Nichols and W. R. Little Company, placed in my hands for service, I, Geo. T. Gage as Sheriff of Wise County, Texas, did, on the 25th day of March 1929, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Wise County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

First Tract: Being out of the James Carter Survey, Patent No. 520, Vol. 2, beginning at the SW corner of the James Carter Survey, same being on the East Boundary Line of the James S. Beatty Survey; Thence N 47 1/2 vrs to a point in the East Boundary Line of the said James S. Beatty Survey; thence East 47 1/2 vrs to a stake for corner; thence South 47 1/2 vrs in the South Boundary line of the James Carter Survey, same being a point in the North Boundary line of Frac. Sec. No. 4 of the Falls County School land; thence West 47 1/2 vrs to the place of beginning, containing 40 acres of land, more or less, being the same land described in a deed from Williams Fanning to Sara E. Fanning, showing of record in Book 12, page 580, of the deed records of Wise County, Texas, and being the S 1/2 of that certain tract of 80 acres of land described in a deed dated March 17, 1883, and recorded in Book 4, page 324, the Deed Records of Wise County, Texas.

Second Tract: Situated in the County of Wise, State of Texas, out of and being a part of Frac. Sec. No. 1 of the Falls County School land lying immediately south of and adjoining the first tract above described, beginning at the SW corner of the James Carter Survey; thence south 65 yds; thence East 450 yds with the south boundary line with the James Carter Survey; thence North 65 yards, same being the SE corner of the tract described as first tract above; thence west 450 yds to the place of beginning, being the same land described in warranty deed dated November 25, 1919, and duly recorded in Book 74 at page 305 of the Deed Records of Wise County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of D. C. Riley and Stella Riley and W. R. Nichols and that on the first Tuesday in May 1929, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the Court House door of Wise County, in the City of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said D. C. Riley, and Stella Riley and W. C. Nichols and W. R. Little Company.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for

three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise County.

Witness my hand, this 25th day of March 1929.

GEO. T. GAGE, Sheriff Wise County, Texas. (16)

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas:
County of Wise:

Notice Is Hereby Given That by virtue of a certain Execution, issued out of the Honorable County Court of Clay County, on the 17th day of October 1928, by Durley B. Davis, Clerk of said Court, for the sum of Three Hundred and Forty Six and 30/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgement, in favor of J. O. Leath in a certain cause in said Court, No. 3240 and styled J. O. Leath vs. D. M. Turner, placed in my hands for service, I, Geo. T. Gage, as Sheriff of Wise County, Texas, did, on the 25th day of March 1929, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Wise County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot No. 7, in Block No. 1, of the C. D. Cates addition to Decatur, Texas, said lot being 95 feet North and South by 105 feet east and west, and levied upon as the property of D. M. Turner and that on the first Tuesday in May 1929, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the Court House door of Wise County, in the City of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Execution I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said D. M. Turner.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise County.

Witness my hand, this 25th day of March 1929.

GEO. T. GAGE, Sheriff Wise County, Texas. (16)

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas:
County of Wise:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Tarrant County, on the 11th day of April 1929, by R. E. Neely, Clerk of said Court for the sum of \$2754.71 Dollars and costs of suit, under a

Judgement, in favor of W. H. Slimp and Johnie Slimp in a certain cause in said Court, No. 80323 and styled W. H. Slimp and Johnie Slimp vs. W. H. Harrison and Ethel Harrison, placed in my hands for service, I, Geo. T. Gage as Sheriff of Wise County, Texas, did, on the 11th day of April 1929, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Wise County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

All those certain lots, tracts or parcels of land out of A. Glidewell survey, in Wise County, Texas, described as follows:

Tract 1. Beginning at the North-west corner of said A. Glidewell survey; Thence South 501 vrs. a corner; Thence East 928 vrs. a corner; Thence South 1 deg. East 518 vrs., same being the Southeast corner of the M. F. Gill tract; Thence East 118 vrs to Center of Blue Creek a corner; Thence North 23 1/2 deg. East with said creek's meanderings 30 vrs; Thence South 80 deg. East 57 vrs; Thence South 33 deg. East 92 vrs; Thence North 79 1/2 deg. East 47 1/2 vrs; Thence South 27 deg. East 54 vrs; Thence North 75 deg. East 11 1/4 vrs; Thence North 49 deg. East 51 vrs; Thence North 85 deg. East 61 1/2 vrs; Thence North 14 deg. East 80 vrs; Thence North 69 1/2 deg. East 40 1/2 vrs; Thence South 54 deg. East 97 vrs; Thence North 81 1/2 deg. East 89 1/2 vrs; Thence South 6 1/2 deg. East 70 vrs; Thence North 86 1/2 deg. East 113 vrs; Thence North 35 deg. East 93 vrs, to oak tree on East bank of creek; Thence East crossing Decatur and Aurora road 80 vrs, a set stone for corner on oak bears East marked X; Thence North 26 deg. West at 6 vrs across creek 182 vrs a corner in center of road; Thence North 3 deg. West with said Decatur road 220 vrs a corner at house, a P. O. bears North 4 vrs; Thence North 27 deg. East 196 vrs; Thence North 32 deg. East 64 vrs; Thence North 10 1/2 deg. East 67 vrs a set stone for corner; Thence North 10 1/2 deg. West 134 vrs; Thence North 15 deg. West 99 vrs a corner in center of road; Thence North 76 deg. West with the South line of the Prunt, tract 181 vrs; Thence West 1658 vrs to place of beginning and containing 246.16 acres of land.

Tract 2. Beginning 182 vrs North 26 west from the Southeast corner of a 246.16 acre tract of land described herein as "Tract 1," an Elm marked X; Thence North 3 West 220 vrs with the meandering of the Decatur and Aurora road, a corner, a post oak bears N. 4 vrs; Thence North 24 East 16 vrs; Thence North 27 East 196 vrs; Thence North 32 East 64 vrs, to South corner of the Prunt tract; Thence

North 37 East 257 vrs to inward corner of said Prunt tract; Thence South 76 East 530 vrs to center of Blue Creek; Thence South 4 1/2 East with meanderings of said creek 65 vrs; Thence South 49 West 52 vrs; Thence South 71 1/2 West 76 1/2 vrs; Thence South 52 West 63 1/2 vrs; Thence South 62 West 80 vrs; Thence South 34 West 63 vrs; Thence South 84 1/2 West 81 vrs; Thence South 52 West 72 1/2 vrs; Thence South 33 East 96 vrs; Thence South 27 West 46 vrs; Thence South 64 West 62 vrs; Thence North 75 1/2 West 57 vrs; Thence North 71 West 85 vrs; Thence South 57 West 53 vrs; Thence South 35 1/2 West 6 vrs; Thence North 73 West 48 vrs; Thence South 69 West 117 vrs; Thence

South 25 West 90 vrs; to place of beginning, and containing 49.87 acres of land, out of said A. Glidewell survey, and more fully described in Vol. "P" pages 196 to 111 of the district court minutes of Wise County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of W. H. Harrison and Ethel Harrison and that on the first Tuesday in May 1929, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the Court House door of Wise County, in the City of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate as public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. H. Harrison and Ethel Harrison.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise County.

Witness my hand, this 11th day of April 1929.

GEO. T. GAGE, Sheriff Wise County, Texas. (17)

A cavern, which is believed to even surpass that at Carlsbad, has been discovered near the Pedernales river, a short distance from Johnson City, in Blanco county.



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White House Milk . . . 3 Tall Cans **29c**

Del Monte Spinach . . . No. 1 Can **13c** No. 2 Can **16c**

Encore Prepared Spaghetti . 3 Med. Cans **25c**

Dill or Sour Pickles . . . Quart Jar **25c**

Sultana Jam . . . Small Jar **21c** Large Jar **49c**

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A&P Sunnyfield 12 lb Bag 24 lb Bag 48 lb Bag

FLOUR 43c 79c \$1.55

Mustard . 9c Jar **15c** | **Corn** Uncle William . No. 1 Can **9c**

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A JOINT RESOLUTION H. J. R. No. 6

proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas providing for a Supreme Court of nine members, and for continuous session of that Court.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That Sections 2 and 3 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Article 5, Section 2. The Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of five shall be necessary to a decision of a case; in other matters, until otherwise provided by Law, the jurisdiction of the Court shall be exercised under such regulations and orders as the Court by a majority vote may prescribe. No person shall be eligible to the office of Chief Justice or Associate Justice of the Supreme Court unless he be, at the time of his election, a citizen of the United States and of this State and unless he shall have attained the age of thirty years, and shall have been a practicing lawyer or judge of a court, or such lawyer and judge together at least seven years. Said Chief Justice and Associate Justices shall be elected by the qualified voters of the State at a general election, shall hold their offices six years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall receive such compensation as may be provided by law. In case of a vacancy in the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Governor shall fill the vacancy until the next general election for state officers, and at such general election the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by election by the qualified voters of the State. The Judges of the Supreme Court who may be in office at the time this amendment takes effect shall continue in office until the expiration of their term of office under the present Constitution, and until their successors are elected and qualified. When this amendment takes effect, the Governor shall immediately appoint six additional Associate Justices of the Supreme Court for terms of office so that the terms of two of such appointed Associate Justices shall expire with the term of office of each of the present members of the Supreme Court, and, upon the qualification of such new Justices, the Commission of Appeals of the State of Texas shall terminate."

"Article V, Section 3. The Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction only except herein specified, which shall be co-extensive with the limits of the State. Its appellate jurisdiction shall extend to questions of law arising in cases of which the Courts of Civil Appeals have appellate jurisdiction under such restrictions and regulations as the Legislature may prescribe. Until otherwise provided by law, the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court shall extend to questions of law arising in the cases in the Courts of Civil Appeals in which the Judges of any Court or Civil Appeals may disagree or where the several Courts of Civil Appeals may hold differently on the same question of law, or where a Statute of the State is held void, and such extend to such other questions as may be within the Court's Appellate Jurisdiction under the Statutes of the State in force when this amendment takes effect. The Supreme Court and the Justices thereof shall have power to issue writs of habeas corpus, as may be prescribed by Law, and under such regulations as may be prescribed by Law, the said Court and the Justices thereof may issue the writs of mandamus, procedendo, certiorari and such other writs, as may be necessary to enforce its jurisdiction. The Legislature may confer original jurisdiction on the Supreme Court to issue writs of quo warranto and mandamus in such cases as may be specified, except as against the Governor of the State.

The Supreme Court shall have power, upon affidavit or otherwise as by the Court may be determined, to ascertain such matters of fact as may be necessary to the proper exercise of its jurisdiction. The Supreme Court shall be open at all times and shall sit at the State Capitol for the transaction of business at such times as may be designated by the Court.

The Supreme Court shall appoint a clerk, who shall give bond in such manner as is now or may hereafter, be required by law, and he may hold his office for four years and shall be subject to removal by said Court for good cause entered of record on the Minutes of said Court who shall receive such compensation as the Legislature may provide."

Sec. 2. Said proposed Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to vote of the qualified electors of this state at a special election to be held throughout the State, on Tuesday, July 16, 1929, at which election each voter opposing said proposed amendment shall scratch off of the ballot with a pen or pencil the following words printed on said ballot: "For

the amendment to the State Constitution providing for a Supreme Court of nine members, and for continuous session of that Court," and each voter favoring said proposed amendment shall scratch off the ballot in the same manner the following words printed on said ballot: "Against the amendment to the State Constitution providing for a Supreme Court of nine members, and for continuous session of that Court." If it appears from the returns of said election that a majority of the votes cast are in favor of said amendment, the same shall become a part of the State Constitution.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation for said election and have the same published and said election held as provided by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

Sec. 4. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the State Treasury to pay for the expenses of said publication and election.

Approved February 19, 1929.

(A Correct Copy)

JANE Y. McALLUM
Secretary of State.

Farmers have shown considerable interest in the suggestion to grow cucumbers under contract for a Fort Worth pickling plant, and are continuing to apply for the necessary preliminary information. Several acres have already been signed up and the seed acquired with which to plant the acreage. The contract and seed have been left with Wright Bros. grocery store, where information may be had. Details of the plan also may be had from the county farm agent and chamber of commerce.

Decatur Motor Co. To Display Model T Fords April 15

The Model "A" Ford town car will be on display at the show-rooms of Decatur Motor Company on Monday, April 15th. This town car is the highest priced car produced by the Ford Motor Company and delivers here for approximately \$1500.00. This price includes the bumpers, which are standard equipment, the sliding glass partition that separates the chauffeur from the passenger compartment, a high grade coat dry clock, smoking and vanity sets, and the highest quality broadcloth trimming with the color hardware to match. The front compartment is upholstered in genuine long grain black leather. The body is custom built by the Briggs Manufacturing Company, who have spared no expense in building into this car all the refinements and qualities embodied in the highest priced bodies. The body is designed after the small, chauffeur driven cars of France and represents the first high quality body to be mounted on a small chassis in this country. The public is invited to attend this showing and demonstration will be made to those interested.

NOTED LEGIONAIRE TO SPEAK

Paul V. McNutt, present National Commander of the American Legion and dean of the school of law of the University of Indiana, will be at Wichita Falls Saturday, April 13th, and will speak from the city auditorium, over radio station K. G. K. O. All Legionnaires and everyone friendly to the American Legion is urged to tune in on the Wichita Falls broadcasting station at 8 p. m. Commander McNutt will also be in Dallas on April 14th.

WOMAN'S BIBLE CLASS MEETS

Mrs. Laura VanMeter and Bernice Shoemaker were hostesses to the Women's Bible Class at Mrs. VanMeter's Monday, April 8th, at 3 p. m.

There were 25 members present. At the close of the lesson the hostesses served cream and cake.

The Women's Missionary Society will meet in the church parlors, Monday, April 15th, at 3 p. m., in their regular monthly business meeting. Circle No. 1 will have charge of the monthly program.

The women's annual meeting of the North Texas conference will meet in Wichita Falls April 16 and 18.

Owing to the beginning of a revival meeting of the First Baptist church, the dates of which will conflict with the time set for the observance of national music week, the first week in May, plans for the week's program of observance here have been postponed. H. M. Buttrill and Mack W. Burch had been appointed a special committee by the directors of the chamber of commerce to arrange a week's program for this community. The committee had decided to inaugurate an extensive schedule of singing, miscellaneous programs, a band concert, grouped choir singing, old fiddler's music etc.

Tourist camp grounds at Barren Springs, Austin's famous swimming hole, will be discontinued this summer and the place conducted solely as a

In the trustee election held Saturday Dale Stevenson, Will Kincaid and J. V. Patterson were elected as trustees for the Decatur independent school district. Only a small vote was cast.

The Majestic has an exceptionally good show on tonight.

Membership in home demonstration and 4-H clubs of Lynn county more than doubled the first three months of this year.

You can always find the best of entertainment on the program at the Majestic. See the show tonight and enjoy the evening.

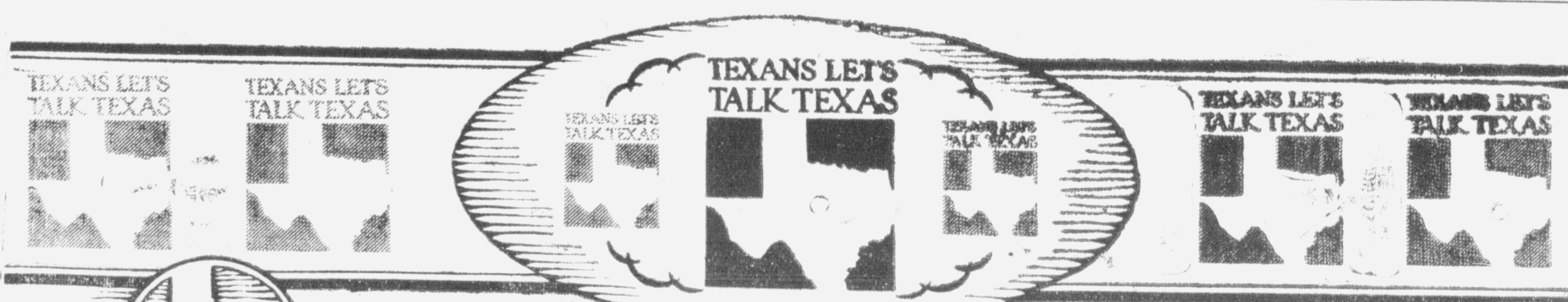
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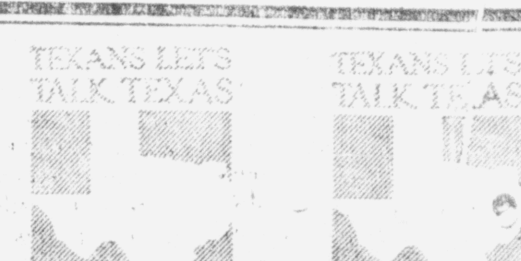
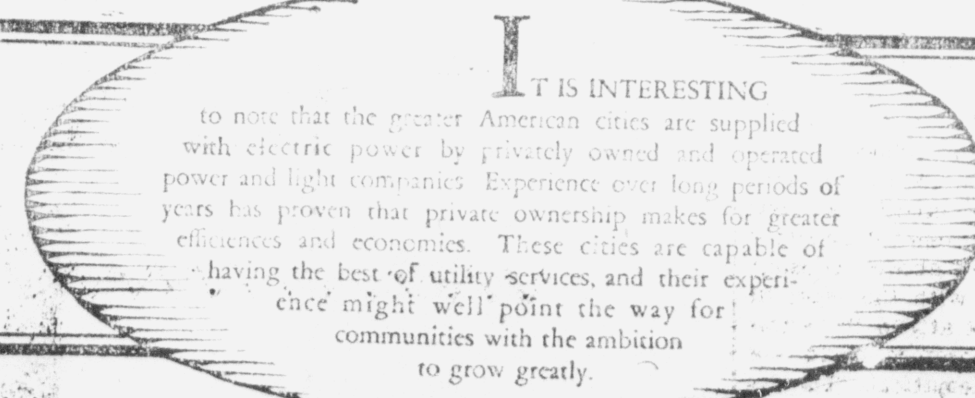
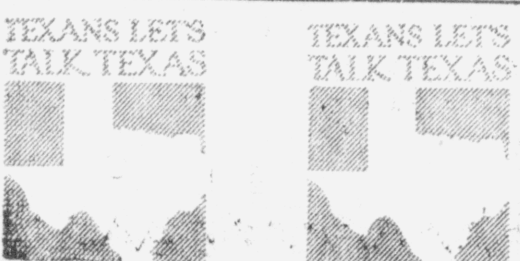
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Schools of County

BY WALLACE GREGG, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

A WEEKLY COMPILATION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE SCHOOLS OF WISE COUNTY

Wise County Leading in Library Reading in State

Miss Mary Shipp Sanders, chief supervisor rural schools of the department of education, has written this office the following letter:

"I have the applications from the Joe Bailey rural school with your request that certificates be sent directly to Mr. Glosup. We shall be glad to comply with your request. We hope to issue the certificates within the next ten days and also to give out a press report in which Wise county will receive special mention for its outstanding achievement in the library reading work."

Joe Bailey school has sent in a total of 10 applications for the reading certificate. Last week's applications were sent by Katie Ruth Lunn, Orville Freeman, Lavelle Leatz, Rita Sue Perrin, Elizabeth Collins, George A. Derryberry, Opal Stansell, and Malinda Anderson. The other two applicants are Glenn Gentry and Orville Seaff who sent in their applications earlier and were the first to apply for the certificates from, not only Wise county, but from the entire state of Texas.

Lula Mae Boyett and Pauline Morton of the Allison school sent in their applications for the reading certificates last week.

Denton Short Term Beging April 22

The short term offered by the Denton Teachers' College for the special benefit of teachers will open on April 22nd and run to the end of the regular term. This six weeks term enables teachers whose schools close early to get the benefit of the 18-weeks work between their schools. A number of Wise county teachers will make use of this short term and thereby add to their college credits.

Liles Pupils Make Interesting Radio Booklets

Miss Rena Counts, principal of the Liles school, has given her children the benefit of the Walter Damrosch radio concerts during the past school year and has had her children make some very interesting booklets about the concerts. The children have learned to recognize the different instruments of an orchestra, have learned the seating arrangement of Mr. Damrosch's musicians, and have learned to appreciate good music. It is hoped that next year many teachers can arrange for their pupils to get the concerts.

H. H. Sampson and Wife Elected at San Saba

The "Tattler", school paper of the Bridgeport high school, carries the following article concerning the election of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sampson to positions in the San Saba high school:

"It is with profound regret that we announce that Mr. and Mrs. Sampson are going to leave Bridgeport high school.

Mr. Sampson has been elected superintendent of San Saba schools for the next two years. Mrs. Sampson has been elected to an important position in the high school. We all feel and realize that Bridgeport's loss is San Saba's gain.

"This announcement, however, is no surprise, for Mr. Sampson announced a year ago that this would be his last year here. As the time is approaching, we are beginning to realize the loss of these good people, and shall miss them in the years to come.

"During the nine years in which Mr. and Mrs. Sampson have been in Bridgeport, our schools have made material advancement. Bridgeport had one unit of affiliation when they came, and through their efforts we now enjoy full affiliation. Mr. and Mrs. Sampson have had their interests with us and they each have worked diligently for our welfare and advancement. We can honor them more and they will appreciate us more by attaining the high ideals which they most earnestly expect of us.

"Both faculty and student body wish for them the fullest measure of success and hope their undertakings will be pleasant and profitable.

Teachers' Contracts Invalid Unless Made in Regular Meeting

Trustees should keep in mind the fact that all school business to be legally transacted must be made in a formal meeting of the trustees. This provision of the law should be strictly followed in making contracts with teachers. The election of a teacher is the most important work a board has to do and the letter of the law should be followed in making contracts. This meeting at which the teachers are to be elected should be arranged in advance and due notice given to each member of the board. Then in the meeting the teachers should be elected by a formal motion and second and the votes on the motion recorded in written minutes. It is suggested by this office that the new boards organize as soon as the new members have qualified for the office by signing up the regular form and should then set a time for a meeting at which consideration will be given to applicants for whatever positions may be open in the schools. This procedure will obviate the haphazard methods employed in electing the teachers sometimes followed by boards of trustees. The schools of Wise county have a wide range of selection in teachers this year and trustees have opportunity to select

from among the many applicants some of the very best of teachers.

Overlapping of Grades Poor Practice

Overlapping of grades is poor educational procedure. This is especially true in the smaller schools where only one class can be organized in a subject. If a class completes a subject in a particular grade, it is better to spend the remainder of the year reviewing that subject, or by taking up some other subject in the same grade. To go on into the next grade is confusing for the next year. A child dislikes and becomes discouraged if made to go over the same ground more than once. Teachers are, therefore, asked to confine their work to one particular grade so that the child will begin his next year with fresh material in every subject. A number of teachers have complained this year that they had trouble in getting pupils interested in their studies because they had been over part of the same material last year. The course of study as outlined by the department should be followed as closely as may be that our work for the whole county may be as uniform as possible.

Old Registers Must Be Turned in With Reports

Teachers are asked and urged to be sure and turn in all of the old registers with their final term reports. This office is attempting to keep an unbroken file of all registers for each school and must depend on the cooperation of the teachers in the matter. These registers carry the grades of the children and constitute the only record we have of those grades.

Schools Closing.

Miss Esta Crawford closed her school at Wilson Prairie on April 5, after a term of five and one-half months.

Mr. W. V. Forrester and Miss Davie Holzelaw brought their school at West Academy to an end on April 5, after a term of six months.

Miss Fannie Pearl Askey reports that her school at Ullman will close on April 19, after a term of five months and three weeks.

Miss Lyla Jane Flowers writes that her school at Rock Springs will continue until May 17. This will give her a 7 months term, which is a longer term than Rock Springs has had for the past several years.

Wise County Gets \$10,853.50 State Money

The state paid last week an apportionment of \$3.50 per capita amounting to \$10,853.50 for the common school districts of Wise county. This payment of \$3.50 brings the total paid on the \$15 per capita apportionment for this year to \$13 and leaves only \$2 yet to be paid by the state. During the past two weeks the common schools of Wise county have received from the state a total of about \$40,000.

Poor Attendance Evident in Small Schools

A study of the registers turned in thus far by schools which have already closed reveals some interesting figures on the attendance in those schools. A shifting population in these districts accounts in part for the poor attendance while indifference and lack of interest are also contributing factors. The small school is hard to make attractive to pupils and patrons and it is only the unusual teacher that can get good results in the poor, short term schools with few pupils.

One district studied employed one teacher whose register shows twenty-one names enrolled. Of these 21 pupils only 4 attended the whole school and got grades for the full six months.

One of our two-teacher schools, which closed recently shows an enrollment of 40 children. Out of these 40 there were 14 who attended the whole six months and were given grades for each of the six months.

Another one-teacher school shows an enrollment of 15 pupils. Of these 15 pupils only 2 attended school enough to justify the teacher in giving grades for each of the six months.

Still another one-teacher school had a total enrollment of 16 children. Of these 16, ten of them attended school enough to get grades for all of the six months.

Another register from a six months one-teacher school shows 22 enrolled of which number half of them got grades for all months.

Another district maintained a one-teacher school for 5 and a half months. A total of 12 children were enrolled during the school term and of these 12 there were 4 who were given grades for five months.

The principal's register of a two-teacher school shows 26 names enrolled. Of these 26 pupils 15 of them attended school enough to justify their receiving grades for each of the six months that the school was in session.

Out of the 152 pupils whose names appear on the registers of these 7 schools, there were 60 who attended school for five and a half to six months and got grades for each of the months they were in school. This means that 39 per cent of the children in these schools got credit for their work and could be promoted provided their grades were above passing. What is to be done with the other 61 per cent who did not attend the whole six months and therefore could not be promoted is problematical. The upshot of the whole thing is likely to be that these children who could not be

promoted will be so discouraged as to cause them to lose interest in school work and perhaps quit school altogether. This 60 per cent is an appalling high mortality among our children and is arousing in the patrons of our small schools a determination to put an end to such tragic results.

Small Schools Costly in Time and Money

The small schools of Wise county are costly in both time and money. The small attendance makes the cost high in money. The poor attendance makes the cost high in both time and money. The number of pupils per teacher is low. Counting the 152 pupils enrolled in the 7 schools considered in the preceding topic, there were 19 pupils for each of the 8 teachers involved. This is an extremely low teaching load and would of itself make the teacher cost per pupil excessive. But this is not all. If we count only the 60 pupils who came the whole six months term, in each of these seven schools, we have only 7 and one-half pupils per teacher. In

the larger schools the teacher load runs from 25 to 40 pupils and the work is more efficiently done.

Can the Children of Wise County Get An Education in a Term of Two Months and Three Weeks?

Looking at the attendance of the children in the 7 schools above considered from another angle, we find that the 152 children in these schools attended a total of 8277 days. This means that the average attendance for each child was 55 days. This is an average term of 2 months and 3 weeks for each of the 152 children. Can Wise county children get an education in terms lasting 2 months and 3 weeks? If the 2 months and 3 weeks were attended regularly the children would have a much better chance to get ahead in their studies. But when they attend the 55 days scattered through a term of six months, their work must be poor indeed.

Gonzales is to have a feather factory where pillows and other feather products will be made.

ALVORD NEWS

Mr. C. F. O'Toole of the World Syndicate Company of New York, has been in Alvord this week looking after business affairs and visiting old-time friends. Mr. O'Toole formerly lived at Alvord, but has been a resident of the "Big City" now for several years. He has many warm friends in Alvord who are always glad to see him.—Alvord News.

Mr. C. C. Davenport died last Sunday at his home about four miles east of Alvord, on the Alvord-Decatur highway, after having been in poor health for quite a while. He was buried Monday afternoon at the Flat Rock cemetery, seven miles east of Alvord. Mr. Davenport is survived by his wife and several children.

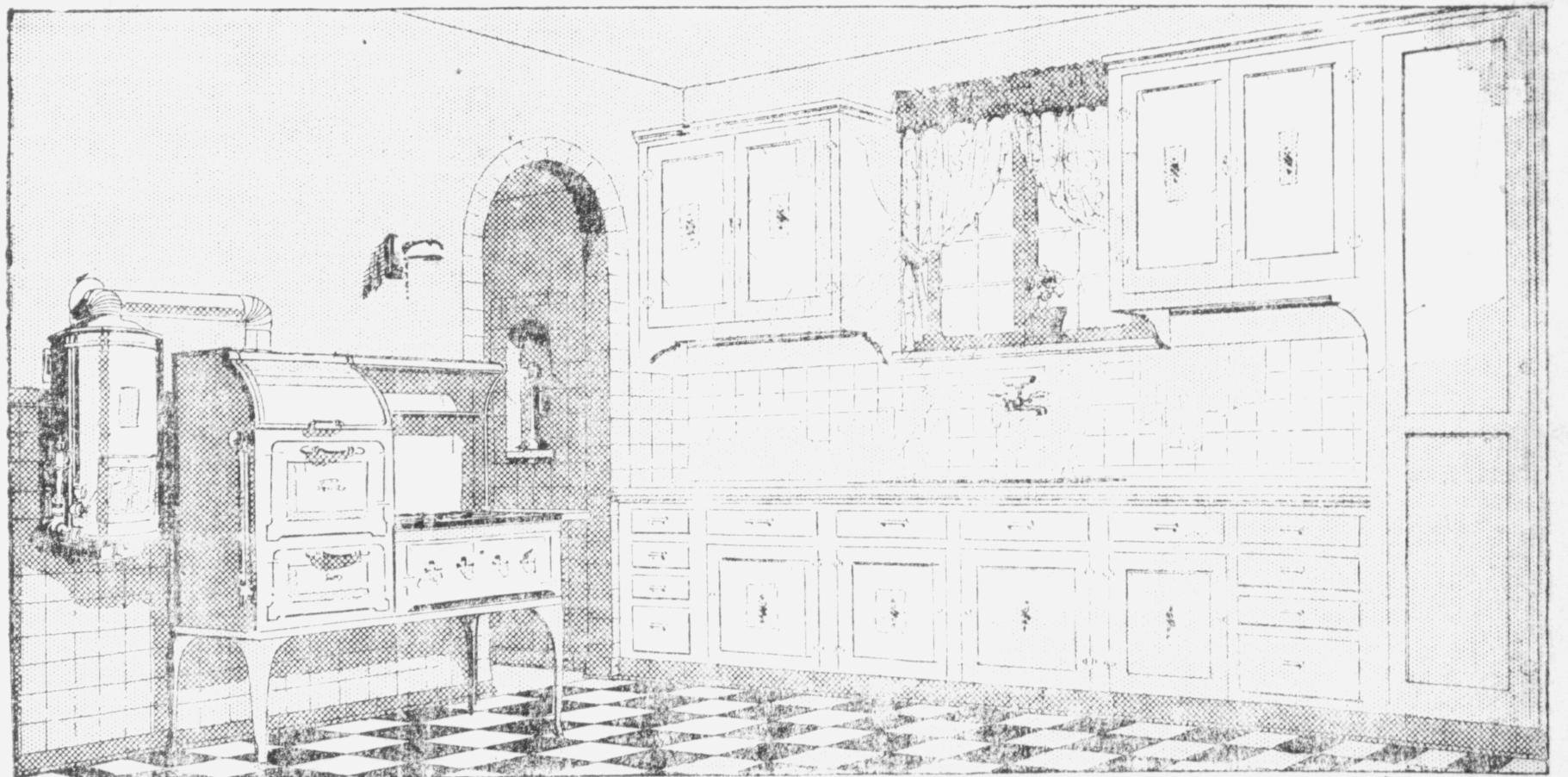
Among those from out of town attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cook, Wilson, Okla.; Mrs. Eloise Miller and son, Gordon, of Wilson, Okla.; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Anderson and baby, Ringling, Okla.; Mr. and

Mrs. J. M. Miller and daughter, Maus, Ranger, Texas; Mrs. Lula Cope and son, Bert, Bluegrove, Texas; Mrs. George Wright, Mrs. John Hampton, Mrs. L. B. Moore and others from Bellevue; Mr. and Mrs. Mac Russell and son, Moffet, Wichita Falls.—Alvord News.

In the city election held Tuesday, W. T. Mosley was elected mayor of Alvord and T. H. Grissom, Wiley Jones, C. J. Byrd, W. G. Barksdale and R. T. Howard were elected as aldermen for the ensuing year. Bill Boswell received 8 votes for city marshal, his name having been written in on the ticket. A total of 69 votes was cast.

The annual election of the Alvord cemetery board was held at the same time and place of the city election and the following were elected to serve the coming year: W. M. Flanery, W. L. Grissom, T. J. Putman, W. T. Mosley, Dick Robinson, J. E. Caldwell and D. D. House.—Alvord News.

Kitchen "Styles" have changed too!



THIS advertisement might easily be "A Story Without Words," as the pictures really tell the story—and what a story! The modern woman simply would not "fit" the old-fashioned kitchen, any more than the old style kitchen with its many IN-conveniences would fit the modern woman! Kitchen styles have indeed changed. And greatest of these changes has been the change to GAS instead of wood and coal—gas for cooking in cool, clean, comfort—gas for heating water automatically for a dozen needs! Other modern utilities and conveniences have helped free the modern woman for an easier, healthier, happier, fuller life—but leave out GAS and woman would still be in the dark ages of kitchen slavery! It is the privilege of Lone Star Gas Company to aid the modern woman by furnishing natural gas—the modern fuel—to more than 200,000 homes in over 200 communities.

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